

HENNYEY, General Gustav b. 25 Sept. 1888 in Kolozsvár, Hungary.

From info in IO/Sec. dossier: Grad. of Ludovika military academy & the Hungarian Command & General Staff School. Professional army officer. Never belonged to pol. party in Hung. & his pol. beliefs have matured rather slowly. However, placed at center or slightly left of center representing an enlightened conservative trend in the Hung. emigration. Strongly opposed both fascist Arrow Cross movement & Hitler occupation of Hung. Close ties with Adm. Horthy, but Jenies being monarchist or legitimist. Pro-American. Over-eager to cooperate with each Hung faction. In Aug. 1944 Regent Horthy appointed him For. Min. to negotiate armistice with the western allies. Attempts rebuffed & told to deal with the Sovs., whom he asked for an armistice. Immediately arrested by Gestapo & sent to Mauthausen concentration camp until freed in April 1945. Has remained in Germany since then. Political officers at RFE consider him, despite gentlemanly qualities & loyalty to Hunga. in exile, not too astute. Requires considerable guidance & supervision. Easily influenced—no impressive decisiveness or drive. German authorities generally hostile to him.

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